

## CHARGE AWAKENS D. C. COMMITTEE

Cooper Resolution, Intimating Neglect, Causes Big Stir in Congressional Circles

### HOUSE MEMBERS DENY FRICTION WITH JOHNSON

Representative Rothermel in Favor of Settling Vexing Question as Quickly as Possible.

By JOSEPH P. ANKIN.

The resolution introduced in the House late Monday afternoon, requesting the District Committee to inform the House as to the truth or falsity of the charge that District business has been neglected by the committee, and asking for a list of bills awaiting action by the committee, created something of a stir in Congressional circles yesterday.

Contrary to the expectation of Mr. Cooper, author of the resolution, the measure was referred to the District Committee, although the request was that it go to the Rules Committee. This action is open to several constructions. It may have been done as a view to permanently buying the measure, inasmuch as nothing now will be heard of it unless the committee consents to report it out. On the other hand, the general feeling around the House was that the charges of reference was made with a view to speedier action upon the measure. Only the future action of the District Committee will determine which of these two constructions is justified.

As was expected, the resolution was not construed as an attack upon the District Committee or any of its members by those approving the measure yesterday. Moreover, those members who have been most active on the committee were the first to endorse it and call for its adoption by the committee. These members, less than ten in all, feel that the charge of neglect is unfounded, and that the committee will be more attentive in the future.

### Deny Committee Friction.

Several members of the committee yesterday declared that the committee would get together and report out the resolution.

Denials of any friction between Chairman Johnson and the committee were to be heard from several quarters yesterday. It was noticeable that those denials came from members from whom have been working with Mr. Johnson and who have been among the few with him.

Representative Cary of Wisconsin declared that the best action out of the District Committee of the House was to prevent the flooding of the committee on meeting days by delegations arriving "crack" legislation and insisting that the committee consider certain measures against their will.

Representative Lobeck was earnest in insisting that there was no friction between Chairman Johnson and members of the committee.

Favors Reporting Resolution.

Representative Rothermel of Pennsylvania also was in favor of reporting out the resolution and settling the vexing question as quickly and as thoroughly as possible. Representative Dyer, of Missouri, the lone worker on the Republican side of the committee, smiled when it was suggested that the committee report the bill out.

It will be necessary for the committee to meet, you know," he said.

Representative George of New York, author of the report on assessment and taxation in the District, declared that he knew of no controversy between the District Committee and its chairman, and that he had not read the Cooper resolution. He refused to comment upon the resolution. As one of the most active members of the committee, Mr. George does not feel that his record is on the defensive.

PRICE OF EGGS DROP  
THIRTEEN CENTS IN DAY

It is said the unexpected always happens. This at least was true yesterday, when the housewives of Washington ordered eggs from their grocers.

They were surprised to find the price of eggs had dropped 12 cents in a single day. Egg prices took a tumble yesterday, dropping from around 25 cents a dozen to 22 cents. The most accessible part of the surprise is that the low prices will continue during the greater part of the winter.

The sudden drop in the price of eggs was due to a "get together meeting" of all the prominent retail egg and butter dealers in the city. Just at present eggs are cheaper in Washington than in any other place in the country.

Retail and cold storage men yesterday explained the unexpected drop in the price of eggs was due to the warm weather and the immense stocks of eggs held in storage in the West. Millions of dozens of eggs, declared yesterday by the dealers, are being sold in Chicago and other Middle Western points.

No large supply of new-laid eggs is coming into Washington from nearby points, and dealers will handle entirely fresh eggs are still getting fancy prices. Fresh eggs are quoted at from 4 to 10 cents a dozen. The storage eggs which are selling at 22 cents a dozen, however, are good stock. The present supply of storage eggs is about 2,000 cases. This supply is not more than sufficient to last longer than a week, however, this will be replenished by large shipments from the Middle West.

A Great Interest was taken by the local dairy products dealers in the reports received from Chicago in regard to the dissolution of the Elgin Butter Board and the failure of the board to meet the week. One of the most prominent dealers in the city yesterday in discussing the probable tumble in the price of butter stated that the price of butter was fixed in Washington by the Elgin quotations and asserted that the local market was bound to feel more or less the effect of the dissolution of the Elgin board.

Sues for \$20,000 Damages.

Salome G. Simms yesterday filed suit against the Capital Traction Company for \$20,000 damages, alleging that August 1st she attempted to board a car at Seventh and D Streets Northwest and that the car started before she got on board, throwing her to the ground and injuring her seriously and permanently.

To Cure Constipation.

Don't dose the system with a lot of dangerous habit-forming drugs. Physicians everywhere are now prescribing Hoffa's Lemon Syrup, the good-tasting, cathartic powder. All druggists sell it.

## FIND MORE RELICS OF LOST AIRMEN

Torn Vest Worn by Newspaper Man and Parts of Hydroplane Are Picked up on Rocks.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 17.—The finding of the second wing, pontoon and a portion of one of the wing tips of Aviator Horace Kearney's hydroplane, together with portions of a vest and shirt worn by Chester Lawrence, Kearney's passenger on the fateful journey of the "Snookum" from Newport Bay last Saturday, seems to furnish indisputable evidence that the air voyagers fell into the ocean between Point Vicente and Point Dume and lost their lives in the heavy sea running at the time.

The growlome relics were found on the rocks near Barney's camp, four miles south of Redondo. The garments were badly torn, the vest being ripped from top to bottom down the back, and the shirt was torn almost to shreds. The pontoon was badly battered, and to all appearance, was torn forcibly from its fastenings by the elements. The twisted rods and the dented condition of the hollow cylinder gave evidence of a terrible ordeal through which the two men likely passed.

## ENGINEERS DEBATE MORAL CHARACTER

Whether or Not Such Clause Be Embodied in By-laws Causes Lively Squabble.

To be or not to be of "good moral character" was the question which greatly agitated the members of the Washington Society of Engineers at their annual meeting at the Common Club last night. The matter was brought to the attention of the meeting in connection with an amendment to section 12 of the by-laws relating to membership and admission of new members which provided that "all persons of good moral character shall be eligible for membership."

A motion was made to strike out the words "of good moral character" on the ground that the board of directors had the power to reject the application of any candidate who lacked that qualification, and that it was not necessary to insert the words in the by-laws. It was also remarked by one of the members that the word "conscientious" did not appear in the English army regulations for the simple reason that there was no such thing as cowardice in the English army.

Nothing but "moral" character among the members of the society and that the embodiment of those words in the by-laws for that reason was entirely superfluous. After a lengthy discussion of the section which advocated the adoption of the section relating to the moral qualifications of members and candidates was tabled by a vote of 15 to 8. Among other things, "members in the by-laws was one whereby a member may be dropped from the membership list whose name is in arrears for nine months and fails to pay up within thirty days after notification."

The report of the secretary, J. C. Hoyt, showed the total membership of the society is 108, having made a net gain of three members during the last year; 10 members having been dropped, 10 resigned, 1 died, with 20 new members admitted. The treasurer, C. F. Johnson, reported a balance of more than \$2,000 in the treasury with the finances in a flourishing condition. John H. Hanna, the retiring president, in his report, expressed his satisfaction at the work accomplished by the society during the past year.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Frank Sutton, president; William Bowie, vice president; J. C. Hoyt, secretary; C. F. Johnson, treasurer; W. A. McFarland, this board of directors; W. A. McFarland, J. W. Albert, John Hanna, Maj. E. S. Dodge, A. L. Baldwin and J. A. Holmes.

Sues for Loss of Husband.

New York, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Elizabeth R. Natchez, widow of Charles Natchez, who went down with the Titanic, today filed a Supreme Court action to recover \$25,000 damages for the loss of her husband. She named the Oceanic Steam Navigation Company as defendant.

There is now pending a suit before the United States Court to determine whether or not the steamship company is liable for the loss of lives on the Titanic.

## HEARST IS STAR WITNESS BEFORE SENATE COURT

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undoubtedly be a uniform sentiment against it in the oil section. "Hope you can take care of it with the others. Very truly yours,"

"Hon. J. B. Foraker, Washington, D. C."

March 13, 1900.

"My dear Senator: I have your favor of last night with inclosure with letter, also a letter from Mr. Elliott, concerning same I beg to send you herewith. Perhaps it would be better to make a demonstration against the whole bill, but certainly the ninth clause to which Mr. Elliott referred should be stricken out, and the same is true of House Bill No. 300, also introduced by Mr. Price, in which the same objectionable clause occurs."

"I am glad to hear that you think the situation is well in hand. Very truly yours,"

"JOHN D. ARCHBOLD,"

"Hon. J. B. Foraker, Washington, D. C."

"Appreciates Courteous Action."

"February 15, 1901."

"Dear Mr. Rothermel: I beg to inclose you herewith certificate of deposit to your favor for \$5,000, sent you at the request of Mr. Gricum, the purpose of which you no doubt understand with him."

"Permit me to improve this opportunity, also, to express my high appreciation of your most courteous and efficient action in response to my request regarding the consideration of the subsidy bill matter with Mr. Gricum. Very truly yours,"

"JOHN D. ARCHBOLD,"

"January 2, 1902."

"My Dear Senator: Referring to our further talk of today over the telephone, we are willing to make the loan \$4,000-\$5,000 to be returned within one year, and the remaining \$2,000 to be paid in five annual payments thereafter. All in best interest at 5 per cent."

"Trusting you will succeed in consummating the matter as you desire, I am, very truly yours,"

"JOHN D. ARCHBOLD,"

"Hon. J. B. Foraker, Washington, D. C."

"Holding the Bag."

"Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 22, 1903."

"John D. Archbold, Esq."

"My Dear John: I am in receipt of yours of the 19th instant with inclosure as stated, for which I am obliged. I am holding the bag and this is going to be an expensive campaign. I can see where I will land before the thing is over. I have no doubt I will have to call again. I feel a delusion about this as it is so funeral. I can beg of others better than I have a personal interest. There are many constant questions in this night, should Johnson carry the Legislature, corporations will catch it, as I am their representative, so-called."

"Sincerely yours,"

"J. B. Foraker."

"P. S.—You people can be of great help in Allen County, Hancock and Wood Counties, which, if successful, will secure the whole fight against corporations and me as their champion."

"Philadelphia, Sept. 20, 1903."

"John D. Archbold, Standard Oil Company, New York."

"Your letter of the 15th instant was received yesterday on my return from a trip in British Columbia. I have wired Senator Aldrich to make an appointment with him to discuss the matter referred to. I am sure you in New York any day if you have any suggestion to make. I think the matter is of considerable importance and I can show Senator Aldrich where such an appointment would be desired. If necessary I can talk to you over the phone from the headquarters of the Republican State Committee here, where I shall be during the present month."

"ROBERT PENNELL."

A two years' course in forestry has been instituted at the University of Wisconsin to meet the demand for trained forest rangers.

## BOY CORN GROWERS COME FROM OHIO

Solid Pullman Train Brings 300  
Lads to Capital for Three  
Days' Visit.

A solid Pullman train of twelve cars bearing 300 boy corn growers from Ohio rolled into Union Station last night for a three days' visit to the Capital. They had been dined at Pittsburgh, and at Harrisburg had been addressed by Gov. Tener of Pennsylvania, and here they are to be received by President Taft tomorrow afternoon, and Friday are to witness a drill at Fort Myer.

The train carried 271 souls, for the State of Ohio has entered valiantly into the project, and most of the colleges and industrial associations have sent personal representatives on the trip. The journey is costing \$20,000, and the bill is to be footed by the bankers and business men of the State.

Two hundred and twenty-five of the boys are prize-winners in corn-growing contests and as such are traveling free, but seventy-five others who were in the contests, but did not carry off honors have paid their own way.

The star of the trip is Miss Mary Whitacre, fourteen years old, who is sent to Washington by the Civic Trust Association of Lebanon, Ohio. On one acre of land she raised over 18 bushels of corn. Twelve hundred boys entered the contests and the average yield was 55 bushels per acre, while the average for adult farmers of Ohio is 25 bushels.

GRIEVANCE AGAINST UNION.

"Boss" Barber Loses His Card After Paving Does of Two.

John H. Drucker, who started a revolt among the barbers' union by declaring that the tipping habit was driving men to the use of the safety razor, is in trouble with the union. Last night his card was taken from him, and Drucker has a grievance.

He opened up about three weeks ago and claims that since that time he has paid the dues of two barbers to place them in good standing in the union so that his shop in a downtown hotel might continue in business. On Saturday one of his fundlings left. On Monday he advertised for barbers, but none appeared. Yesterday morning he took in another man, who also was in bad favor with the union through back dues.

He was told last night that he would have to make the man's dues good or turn him out. This he refused to do and the card went by the board.

SEES HIS BRIDE OF  
FOUR MONTHS PLUNGE  
KNIFE INTO JUGULAR VEIN

Johnston, Pa., Dec. 17.—"My God, Barbara, what are you doing?" exclaimed John Brindza, to his nineteen-year-old bride of four months, as he awakened early to-day and saw the girl standing in the middle of the floor with a sharp butcher knife in her hand.

"I am awfully sorry," I awakened you, John, for I did not intend to," exclaimed Mrs. Brindza, and while her husband looked on she plunged the knife into her throat, severing the jugular vein.

She died in less than half an hour. Mrs. Brindza's home before her marriage was in Brooklyn, N. Y.

BILL PROVIDES FOR \$250,000.

The House Committee on Industrial Arts and Exposition yesterday reported favorably upon a bill providing \$250,000 for a government exhibit and building at the National Conservation Exposition to be held at Knoxville, Tenn., next fall. The bill is expected to come before the House for a vote late this afternoon.

## ROMANCE STAGED IN GRIM SETTING

Gould-Shepard Betrothal Follows  
Wreck of Express at  
Syracuse.

### MUTUAL ADMIRATION RIPENED INTO LOVE

Amid Darkness and Disaster Dan  
Cupid Shoots Darts Into Two  
Fond Hearts.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 17.—Real romance amid wreck and darkness and disaster attended the betrothal of Finley J. Shepard and Miss Helen Miller Gould. The warm admiration that each had felt for the other ripened into love that could no longer be repressed when the loved helms of the Gould millions saw her escort leave after he knew she was safe and heard his tremendous energies to saving others whose lives were endangered by a railroad wreck.

And when the man, after his work was done, and order had been restored, found the woman who has aroused the admiration and love of the nation quietly and unostentatiously administering to helpless women and children who knew her not, the emotions that he in the past had been able to repress forced his lips to speak the dictates of his heart.

And Miss Gould did not say him nay. Escorts Gould Party.

Before that railroad wreck on the New York Central, when the train was running at sixty-seven miles an hour, Miss Gould and President Bush's assistant had for a long time been interested in the same affairs, and in many ways their tastes were in harmony.

Mr. Shepard was in Chicago on his way to St. Louis when he received a telegram from his superior requesting him to return to New York and escort Miss Gould to Chicago, whether she was going with a party of friends to attend a convention of the Railroad Y. M. C. A. St. R. Pryor, one of the receivers of the Washburn, was in New York with his private car, and he placed this at the disposal of Miss Gould and party. It was attached to the Chicago train, and the start was made.

Fate again interested itself in the romance when at Syracuse another coach was added to the train. The receiver's car had been the last on the train. Had not this added coach been at the rear of the train and its weight attached, the receiver's car could have been hurled from the tracks and its occupants badly and seriously injured.

A freight train, west bound on one of the tracks, had been wrecked and some of the cars had been tossed onto another track and the passenger train, making more than a mile a minute crashed into the wreckage. The impact was tremendous.

The lights were all extinguished, the passengers were in a panic.

The private car in which Miss Gould was riding was not overturned, but it was badly damaged, Shepard and Pryor were injured, last night at a regular meeting of the Columbia Historical Society held in the Washington Club, a sketch of Dr. William B. Magruder, Mayor of Washington, was the subject of discussion last night at a regular meeting of the Columbia Historical Society held in the Washington Club, a sketch of Dr. Magruder's life was read by Robert H. Harkness.

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### PALAIS ROYAL

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## Brewery Too Close to Memorial Site, Thinks Boreland

Representative Boreland yesterday made a protest in the form of a circular headed "The Great Temple Down by the Brewery"—against the location of Lincoln memorial. The circular, addressed to "My Dear Colleague," reads:

"Must we reserve the memory of Abraham Lincoln from the oblivion by constructing a building Greek Temple on the furthermost point of Potomac Drive, down by the brewery?"

"Must we authorize the expenditure of two million dollars of the people's money at this time for such purpose?"

"I trust not. The report of the Lincoln Memorial Commission is in direct opposition to the recommendations of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Loyal Legion, the American Federation of Labor, the Sons of Veterans, the National Grange, the American Good Roads Congress, and many State and local societies."

It is supported by but one National organization, namely, the American Institute of Architects.

MAYOR'S LIFE DISCUSSED.

Columbia Historical Society Hears Sketch of Dr. W. B. Magruder.

The life of Dr. William B. Magruder, Mayor of Washington, was the subject of discussion last night at a regular meeting of the Columbia Historical Society held in the Washington Club, a sketch of Dr. Magruder's life was read by Robert H. Harkness.

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## TELLS OF WAY TO CURE CANCERS

Chicago Hospital Head Declares  
Fifteen Have Been Saved  
From Grave.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—"Seeing is believing." Fifteen men and women, all more than sixty years old, most of them under sentence of death from physicians and surgeons who had done their utmost, have been cured of cancer within the past five months."

Dr. A. A. Whannum, president of the Robert Burns Hospital, thus told to-night what has been accomplished by the hospital by the use of a cancer specific discovered by Dr. Joseph De Stefano, of this city.

Shortly after the first of the year we shall present the matter to the Chicago Medical Society," said Dr. Whannum. "We shall show the patients as they now are and photos showing their condition when treatment was started."

"Dr. De Stefano and myself were very adverse to giving this information to the public until it had first been properly presented to the medical profession, but a patient, I understand, has told the story widely."

"We can only confirm it, for it is entirely true. When I first tried Dr. De Stefano's specific on a patient in this hospital it was with an operation had been performed and the patient had been told that she must die shortly—that her case was hopeless."

"I decided to give her some of the medicine in the hope that it would at least alleviate her pain, and I was delighted to see that it did so. Therefore, I continued to give her the specific, and at the end of seven weeks she walked out of this hospital."

Not until the subject is presented to the Chicago Medical Society will the exact nature of the compound be explained. It is taken internally, either in capsule form or from a spoon.

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